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March 1, 2024

The Honorable Caroline Menjivar, Chair
Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Subcommittee
No. 3 on Health & Human Services
1021 O Street, Suite 6720
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Akilah Weber, M.D., Chair
Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1 on Health
1021 O Street, Suite 4130
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Department of Health Care Services Budget: Child Health and Disability
Prevention Program Transition - Concerns**

Dear Senator Menjivar and Assembly Member Weber:

On behalf of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, I respectfully write to express our concerns with the Administration's budget proposal to shift \$13 million (statewide) away from the Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) program to other programs during this time of transition. The County needs adequate time to properly transition CHDP activities to managed care plans and operationalize Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HCPCFC) as a standalone program, including adequate funding, by the time CHDP expires on July 1, 2024.

The County asks that the legislature urge the Newsom Administration to work with County Health Executives Association of California (CHEAC) and counties to develop a sound methodology to adequately fund HCPCFC as a standalone program and restore funding while we transition to do this work on our own. Counties need more than \$13 million statewide to retain the administrative and medical support to HCPCFC to ensure foster children are provided with adequate services.

The Budget Act of 2022 required the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to sunset the CHDP Program on July 1, 2024 and work with stakeholders on a transition plan to include how HCPCFC will be a standalone program and ways to retain local health department staff. The Administration has not implemented a transition plan to date and one is expected at the end of March, which would only be a three-month timeline. This compressed timeline does not allow Sacramento County adequate time to fully effectuate programmatic and operational changes while maintaining quality services to our jurisdiction's children and youth.

The elimination of CHDP impacts the services to HCPCFC, which leverages CHDP staff and resources who administer the program. HCPCFC embeds public health nurses in local Child

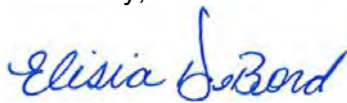
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Welfare Departments to provide consultation, oversight, and management of the medical, dental, behavioral, and developmental needs of foster youth in out-of-home placement. The elimination of CHDP impacts 5.1 full-time equivalent positions in our jurisdiction.

For these reasons, Sacramento County asks that the Legislature urge the Administration to work with CHEAC and counties to develop a sound plan to adequately fund HCPCFC as a standalone program and retain local health department positions. The County also asks for adequate funding while transitioning away from CHDP. Please feel free to contact me at (916) 874-4627 or deborde@saccounty.gov.

Sincerely,



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